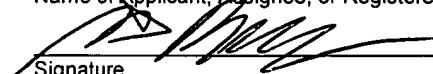


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### **DECLARATION OF JAMES D. RYNDAK UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Sir:

I, James D. Ryndak, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. My name is James D. Ryndak. I am the managing partner of Ryndak & Suri LLP. I am a registered Patent Attorney. My registration number is 28,754.
2. I prepared the captioned application entitled "Device and Method for Alerting a Person to the Presence of a Door" with assistance from Roger Masson of my office who was at that time a law clerk at my firm.
3. I obtained complete invention disclosure information from the inventor, Robert S. Fielmann, on June 2, 2003 and also discussed preparation of a patent application with the inventor on that date. I began working on the patent application the following day, June 3, 2003. I worked diligently on preparing the patent application on at least the following dates: June 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17 and July 14, 2003. During

the period from June 2 to July 15, 2003 my law clerk, Roger Masson, worked on the patent application on at least the following dates: June 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 and July 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 and 9, 2003. Thus, personnel worked on the application on at least the following dates: June 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25 and July 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 14, 2003.

4. I signed and caused to be mailed by First Class Mail a letter, a redacted copy of which is attached as Exhibit A, forwarding a draft of the patent application to Robert S. Fielmann on July 15, 2003 for his review. The letter also forwarded an Assignment and "Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" for the signature of Robert S. Fielmann.

5. The patent application was promptly reviewed by the inventor and promptly filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the signed "Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application" on July 25, 2003.

6. As the managing partner of Ryndak & Suri, I attend to many firm matters. In addition, I was frequently supervising and directing the other attorneys and personnel at Ryndak & Suri. In addition, I was heavily involved in litigation and other patent prosecution matters. From June 2 to July 14, 2003, I worked on legal matters for twelve other clients, including three patent infringement lawsuits and a total in excess of 22 different matters for those twelve clients.

I hereby declare that I have read this Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 12/13/05

  
James D. Ryndak

**Exhibit A**

Letter Forwarding a Draft of the Patent Application to Robert S. Fielmann

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July 15, 2003

Mr. Robert S. Fielmann  
724 Leesley Road  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application for  
Device and Method for Alerting a Person  
to the Presence of a Door  
Our File No. 40164-10009

Dear Rob:

Enclosed is the original of the above-identified patent application with drawings and an Assignment of the invention to Save Face Partnership. Please carefully review the application. The application must describe your invention sufficiently to enable one of ordinary skill in the art to which your invention relates to practice the invention. The application also must disclose the best mode of which you are aware for practicing the invention. If the application accurately and adequately describes your invention, execute the Declaration and Power of Attorney and the Assignment, signing your name exactly as it appears on each document. Please note that the Assignment must be executed in the presence of a notary public. After execution, please return the application to me for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Should you wish to make any changes or have any comments or suggestions, indicate them in ink on the original application and return it to me so that the application may be revised accordingly. I will then provide you with a corrected application for execution.

Very truly yours,



James D. Ryndak

Enclosures

cc: [REDACTED]